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## FACULTY PROFILES:

Professor Alfred F. Conard is a graduate of Grinnell College. Thereafter he attended the State University of Iowa for two years and then went on to the University of Pennsylvania where he got his LL. B. in 1936. Admitted to practice in Pennsylvania in 1937, he went on to Columbia to get his LL. M. in 1939 and S.J.D. in 1942. He was a visiting assistant professor at the University of Missouri and an assistant professor at the University of Kansas before the war. During the war he was with the OPA for a year and then in the army, O.S.S. for two years. He then served in the Office of the Alien Property Custodian for a year before becoming an Associate Professor at the University of Illinois Law School in 1946. In 1951, he became a full professor at law at Illinois and held that position until coming to the University of Michigan in 1954. His major publications include "Studies in the Law of Easements and Licenses in Land"; "Cases on Agency and Employment Relations" and texts on Business Associations and Reparation for work injuries in Illinois (co-author). He teaches Business Associations and Corporate Reorganization.

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## LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCUSSES HOME RULE:

Home rule cities, especially in metropolitan areas, must think long and hard about their future--and act vigorously for the continued success of the home rule doctrine, a University of Michigan expert said here Monday. One of the most serious challenges facing the home rule communities is the growing development of metropolitan regions, and unless the home rule cities take the initiative in any movement for metropolitan agencies, area-wide authorities may be imposed by state action.

This view was expressed by Prof. Arthur W. Bromage, chairman of the U-M political science department, in a speech before the Texas Municipal League celebrating the 50th anniversary of home rule in that state.

Bromage, a noted expert on local government, continued: "Where great metropolitan authorities are created, their governmental systems may be state-oriented through gubernatorial appointment, if there is no demand for metropolitan representation.

"Efforts to rationalize services through coordination and contract among units are the best guarantee to home rule cities against the evolution of super-government" in metropolitan areas.

Bromage pointed out that in recent decades the home rule system has become a matter for questioning in some quarters. One line of criticism, for example, regards home rule cities as barriers to metropolitan integration or federation.

"If metropolitan governments or authorities are created," however, "they too need some kind of home rule or they will be state agencies. It can be argued that home rule doctrines be extended over greater areas, just as the long-run trend has been to home rule for counties as well as cities, Bromage said.

The advantages of home rule system are many--local responsibility, local action and local experimentation, among others. In addition to a number of model home rule doctrines, a variety of systems exist and many of them, particularly in states like California, Michigan, Ohio and Texas, have worked well in practice.

"Energetic action for the future," said Bromage, "is the key to the continued success of the home rule doctrine. The objectives of such action must include: keeping home rule in state constitutions; writing modern charters without fear of experimentation; coordinating with other home rule cities, especially in metropolitan areas; working to make citizens aware of home rule values.

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## CLASSIFICATION TO TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK:

Classification for juniors and seniors will take place Thurs. through Sat., Nov. 14-16, from 1:30 to 4:30 on Thurs. and Frid. and from 9:00 to noon on Sat. First year students will classify at the stated hours on Friday and Sat. There will be no late classification. All students should consult the bulletin boards

for the exact procedure to be followed.

Students should note that prior to classifying, all students must have paid their \$10.00 law school fee. This can be paid at the Administration Building. However, since the Cashier's Office will not be open on Sat., you must get your receipt before 4:30 on Friday.

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#### LIBEL AND SLANDER:

At the recent Board of Governors meeting, it was decided to continue the fine schedule imposed on residents withdrawing from the Club. One basis for this decision was stated as the desire to protect returning residents priorities to room assignments. The Res Gestae reaffirms its opposition to this penalty schedule. Certainly no room priority is jeopardized when a freshman resident withdraws from the Club. He, like many upperclassmen takes his room after all priorities have been exercised and probably takes a room not desired by anyone with priority. Also, prior to signing his contract, an upperclassman can refuse to take his room with impunity. Yet this creates the same evil that withdrawal does. The inequities that do occur could be remedied by effective communication of the existence of vacancies. Penalties could be greatly reduced and designed only to compensate the Club for expenses due to withdrawal.

The Board has also decided to purchase refrigerators for the Club; thus spending a large amount of Club funds for the benefit of relatively few residents. Moreover, students who have expended considerable time, energy and money to get a refrigerator into their room may now be forced to dispose of them in order to rent one from the Club. While some of the refrigerators now in the Club may be fire hazards, as argued, a quick inspection would eliminate this danger and be much cheaper. It might be pointed out that this concern over fire hazards has not precipitated the purchase of firescreens for fireplaces in the Club. As to the Board's stated desire for "Uniformity," it is difficult to see what advantages it offers.

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In response to last week's editorial, Mrs. Morgan brings to our attention the following: (1) One of the dinners cited as lamb in our roast beef prediction was, in fact, veal; (2) that it is very hard to please all students in their dinner choice; (3) but that she welcomes any and all constructive criticism that boarders may offer.

While Mrs. Morgan's response to our editorial is presented in the above form, the future policy of the Res Gestae will be to accept publishable comments only as Letters to the Editor. Such letters are readily encouraged but should conform to the following: be no more than two-thirds of a type-written page, double spaced; be signed although names will not be released if such is requested. The Res Gestae reserves to itself the discretion as to whether or not to publish any given letter. Our address: Res Gestae, Hutchins Hall, Ann Arbor.  
- H.V. Baxendale.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Arthur Larson will speak at the Club on Wed., Nov. 13, at 6:30. His topic will be "A Practical Program for Peace-World Rule of Law." Dr. Larson is a well known educator and lawyer. He is a graduate of Oxford, former Dean of the Law School at

Pittsburgh, former Under Secretary of Labor, current Director of the World Rule of Law Center at Duke University and author of "When Nations Disagree," "What We Are For" and "A Republican Looks at His Party." His ability as a speaker has been widely applauded by bar associations, schools and civic organizations. . . . A professional company at Wayne State U's new, specially designed Shakespearean theater will present "Romeo and Juliet," "Julius Caesar," "As You Like It" and "Antony and Cleopatra" from January through June, 1964. Season tickets cost \$10.50 with about 20 performances of each play to choose from. Brochures are available at the Club office. See: Elmer White in C-34 about buying tickets in a block.



GRIDIRON PIX:

Rice over Arkansas  
Auburn over Miss. State  
Baylor over Texas  
Washington over California  
Missouri over Colorado  
Georgia Tech over Florida State  
Florida over Georgia  
Illinois over Michigan  
Oklahoma over Iowa State  
Iowa over Minnesota

Nebraska over Kansas  
LSU over TCU  
Michigan State over Purdue  
Wisconsin over Northwestern  
Pittsburgh over Notre Dame  
Ohio State over Penn State  
Cornell over Brown  
Dartmouth over Columbia  
Harvard over Princeton  
East Jesus (Neb.) T.C. over Arboga Tech.  
(Homecoming)

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AT THE FLICKS:

Michigan: "The Incredible Journey"

State: Fri.: "Fantasia"; Sat.: "Women of the World"

Campus: "This Sporting Life"

Cinema Guild: Fri: "An American in Paris"; Sat.: "Miss Julie".

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QUADSVILLE QUOTES

Madame Nhu is a controversial figure.  
- Pat Brown

An ill agreement is better than a good judgment.  
- Herbert

The "Quad" will again be on sale next Tues. from 9:00 until 3:00. Any freshman who is interested in helping out with the sales of the "Quad", for pay, should contact Bill Rutherford, F-21, 662-3524.